

Gale Norton and Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman.

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#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, September 26, 2001, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the science and implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan including its effect on species restoration and timber availability.

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Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, October 2, 2001, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the interaction of old-growth forest protection initiative and national forest policy.

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#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Matt King, a legislative fellow on the subcommittee, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of H.R. 2590.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CAMPBELL. I ask unanimous consent that Patricia Raymond and Lula Edwards have unlimited floor privileges during the consideration of the Treasury and general government bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Friday, September 21, 2001, immediately following the convening of the Senate at 9 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider en bloc the Executive Calendar nominations numbered 360 and 361; Sharon Prost to be a U.S. circuit judge, and Reggie Walton to be U.S. district judge; that there be 20 minutes for debate on the two nominees, equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Judiciary Committee; that at the conclusion, or yielding back the time, the Senate vote on confirmation of each nominee; that upon the disposition of these nominations the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, the Senate return to legislative session, and the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order to ask, as in executive session, for the yeas and nays on both nominations now with one show of seconds.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I ask for the yeas and nays on the nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, so there is no misunderstanding, on the unanimous consent request that was just entered, the 20 minutes is total for both nominees, equally divided.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed

to executive session and that the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Robert Bonner to be Commissioner of Customs, that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, that any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, and that the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination was considered and confirmed as follows:

Robert C. Bonner, of California, to be Commissioner of Customs.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

#### PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 231 just received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 231) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be considered agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 231) was agreed to.

#### DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—H.R. 768

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 768, the Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2001, be discharged from the HELP Committee and then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### DESIGNATING A MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 67 submitted earlier by Senator DODD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Senate Concurrent Resolution (S. Con. Res. 67) permitting the Chairman of the